Statement

No. of rural telephone exchanges set up during the last five years in Bihar, Especially in Muzaffarpur and Sitamarhi Districts.

Year	No. of rural telephone exchanges set up in:		
	Bihar	Muzaffarpur Distt.	Sitamarhi Distt.
1990-91	13	—	—
1991-92	48	2	—
1992-93	125	1	—
1993-94	108	1	—
1994-95	25	—	—
TOTAL:	319	4	—

Granting of FPO licence to Coca Cola India

150. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multinational company, Coaca Cola India has been issued a conditional FPO licence;

(b) if so, from which date and the reasons therefor with full details:

(c) whether it is a fact that FPO licences are issued before a manufacturer met all the mandatory obligations, if so, to what extent Coca Cola India fulfilled these conditions; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Coke has been manufacturing the canned beverage in its Britoo unit even before the date of issue of the FPO licence, if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No request for FPO licence has been received from M/s. Coca Cola India and no such licence has been issued.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Malfunctioning of Mini-Exchanges in Punjab

151. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the telephones operating through mini-exchanges in Punjab don't work properly and quite often lying in dormant state due to overstretched capacity of exchange lines; and